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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-316528 published by the Japanese Patent Office on November 21, 2000;
- B. United Kingdom Patent Application Publication No. 2012549 published in Great Britain on August 1, 1979;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 7-67576 published by the Japanese Patent Office on March 14, 1995;

D. PCT Application International Publication No. WO 97/15201 published by WIPO on May 1, 1997; and

E. EPC Patent Publication No. 1172373 published by the EPO on January 16, 2002.

The above-listed prior arts are all cited in the International Search Report issued on February 10, 2004 to the PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/15051 upon which the above-identified U.S. application is filed. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

Though the prior arts A and C are not in the English language, the International Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of X's and Y's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of this relevant art and consider it.

Respectfully submitted,

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